

Medicaid Interim Committee

Accountability

Medicaid Accountability

Three ways to hold people
accountable:

2. Rewards
3. Penalties
4. Advanced Planning Incentives

Rewards

- Holds clients accountable for lifestyle choices
 - Discourages unhealthy behavior
 - Promotes healthy behavior
- Examples:
 - Health Benefit Accounts
 - Florida
 - West Virginia
 - South Carolina
 - Kentucky

West Virginia

Healthy Rewards

- Fixed amount of credits per quarter per member are deposited in the account
- Credits are received for specified behaviors
- Used to cover medical and pharmaceutical co-pays
- Bonus credits added for meeting health goals
- Can use credits remaining at the end of the year to purchase non-covered services

Penalties

- Holds clients accountable for how they use the Medicaid system
 - Discourages abuse
 - Promotes effective use
- Examples:
 - Reduction in benefits
 - Higher co-pays

West Virginia

Member Agreement

- West Virginia will offer enrollees a choice of two benefit packages:
 - a basic plan (scaled-back version of current Medicaid service package) and
 - an enhanced package that includes benefits not traditionally offered under Medicaid
- To enroll in the new advanced benefit package, enrollees will be asked to sign a member agreement
- Failure to comply with the agreement could result in the enrollees losing access to the enhanced package of benefits

West Virginia

Penalties

- West Virginia plan to track the following:
 - Keep medical appointments
 - Receive screenings
 - Take medications
 - Follow health improvement plans

West Virginia Medicaid Redesign Benefit Packages

ADULTS

Basic Plan	Enhanced Plan
Inpatient Services	Inpatient Services
Outpatient Services	Outpatient Services
Physician/NP/MW Services RHC/FQHC	Physician/NP/MW Services RHC/FQHC
Home Health (limited - 25 visits per year)	Home Health
DME (limited \$1000 per year with prior authorization if exceeded)	DME
Nursing Home Services	Nursing Home Services
Family Planning	Family Planning
NEMT (limited – 5 trips per year)	NEMT
Hospice	Hospice
Ambulance (Emergency only)	Ambulance
Prescriptions	Prescriptions

Advanced Planning Incentives

- Holds clients accountable for future needs
- Aligns need to pay with ability to pay
- Medicaid Commission Report (December 29, 2006)

Long-term Care Insurance

Medicaid Commission Report

- **1. Public policy should promote individual responsibility and planning for long-term care needs by:**
 - Providing federal and state tax incentives to encourage individuals to purchase long-term care insurance through:
 - Allowance for early withdrawal of federally-approved retirement accounts for the purchase of long-term care insurance; and
 - New tax incentives to employers to offer long-term care insurance as an employee benefit.

Long-term Care Insurance

Medicaid Commission Report

- **1. Public policy should promote individual responsibility and planning for long-term care needs by:**
 - Provide tax deductions/tax credits to encourage those providing informal care (such as family members and friends) to continue in this effort.
 - Promote the use of home equity by individuals to finance long-term care services needed to maintain the individual in his or her own residence and prevent or postpone Medicaid enrollment.
 - Increase state participation in the federally-sponsored Long-Term Care Awareness Campaign to improve public education about the importance of individual planning for long-term care needs.